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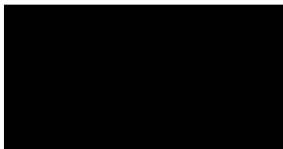
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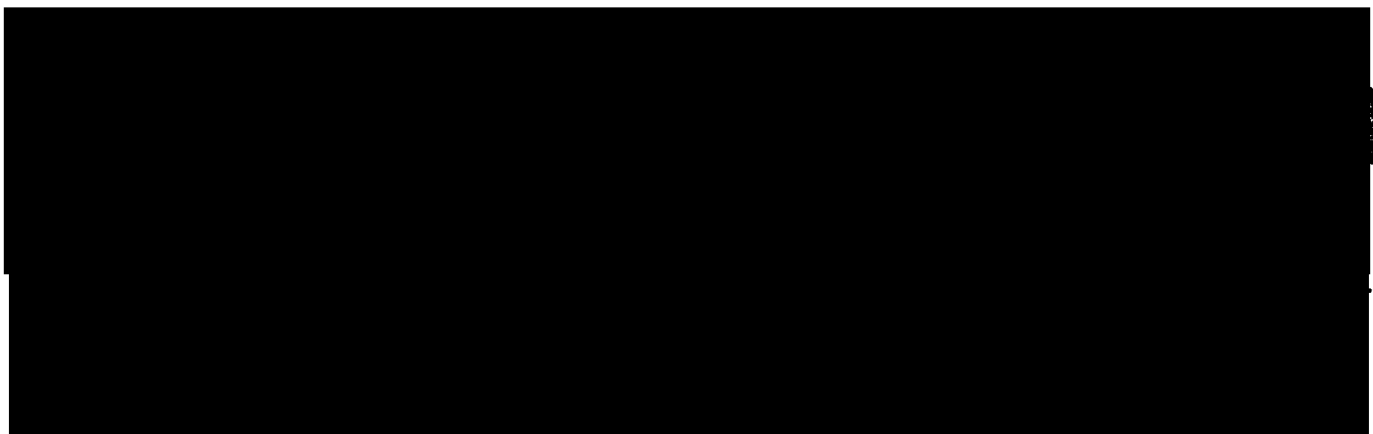
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1. Asked [REDACTED] to undertake a study from an administrative point of view and to give me his recommendations concerning briefing of all personnel going overseas.

2. Shef Edwards is somewhat fearful that the Professional Selection Panel of the Career Service Board wants to get into the security field too far. I told him that we were aware of this problem here and that I, personally, had talked to the Panel to try to put them on the right track. I think that the Career Service Board will find that this Panel wants to rule on security criteria for the selection of individuals to fill various jobs, etc. I do not see how it would be possible to establish such criteria and think that it would be very unwise to allow such a Panel to examine individual cases. I understand, however, that the Panel definitely will present its views to the Career Service Board. H

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5. Dr. Tietjen reports that [REDACTED] who disappeared several days ago, is still missing.

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6. Spent most of the day with Mr. Harrison of the Joint Committee on Printing. We visited the NIS Program [REDACTED] the GPO reproduction plant in South Building, and the CIA plant [REDACTED]. In summary, the NIS people feel that the GPO plant has never been short of work. I ascertained that it is taking some 75 to 80 days to finish an NIS Section after it goes to reproduction the very first time. Some 15 working days, or three weeks, are taken up in transit, several trips to and from the NIS plant being made for each Section. Approximately 10 days are taken up H

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at the NIS plant for proofreading, checking, etc. This leaves about 50 days that a Section is actually in the GPO plant. On this basis it seems difficult to understand why the GPO plant is short of work. Their figures differ somewhat and they say that in any case this is not enough of a backlog to keep them busy. They would like a realistic estimate of what they can expect from us. At [REDACTED] Mr. 25X1A6a Harrison seemed satisfied with everything except our Linotype, letter press, and engraving equipment. The engraving equipment is old OSS equipment which is set up but is not being used. He thinks that we do not need the Linotype and letter press on the basis that for most of our work we could use varietype and offset printing and that in those rare cases where Linotype and letter press are necessary because of the desired quality of the end product we could have the work done by the GPO plant. 25X1A9a [REDACTED] and his associates did not convince me that Mr. Harrison was wrong on this score.

The following action, which I will pursue, seems to be in order:

- a. Cut down in-transit time, which I have already done.
(I am assured that total in-transit time will not exceed three days in the future.)
- b. Get realistic estimate from NIS plant.
- c. Pursue problem further on Linotype and letter press and see if we really need this equipment or if it is a luxury.

I think that I was able to explain everything to Mr. Harrison except possibly one point on which I took a firm stand, i.e., that we would not be willing to have reproduction of Political and Psychological Warfare material done in any place not under complete CIA control.